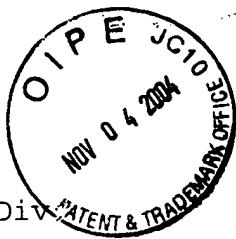


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In re the application of:

Shunji OISHI, et al.

Serial No.: 10/627,620

Group: 1773

Filed: July 28, 2003

Examiner: Le, Hoa T.

FOR: MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE PARTICLES, METHOD OF THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND RESIN COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

Date: November 4, 2004

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**EXPEDITED REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION
OF CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART
UNDER MPEP §609 AND MPEP §2001.6(b)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to confirm the consideration of prior art filed with an IDS and considered in the parent application in accordance with the requirements of MPEP §609 and MPEP §2001.6(b).

Applicants note that the present application was filed July 28, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a divisional of parent application Serial No. 09/622,002, now U.S. Patent 6,676,920.

An information disclosure statement submitting a supplemental partial European search report and the references cited therein was filed in the parent application on July 24,

2003. Copies of the IDS, IDS transmittal letter, form SB/08A and stamped filing receipt are attached as Exhibit A.

By communication from the Examiner in the parent application dated December 5, 2003, copy attached as Exhibit B, Applicants were advised that the IDS and references had been considered and had been entered in the file of the parent application.

The parent application issued as U.S. Patent 6,676,920 on January 13, 2004, with the entered references listed thereon.

Applicants respectfully submit that the file of the parent application and the references cited therein were available to the Examiner in the present divisional application before the March 1, 2004 mail date of the first Office action in the present divisional application.

MPEP §609 states:

"The examiner will consider information which has been considered by the Office in a parent application when examining (A) a continuation application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or filed under former 37 CFR 1.60, (B) a divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or filed under former 37 CFR 1.60, or (C) a continuation-in-part application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). A listing of the information need not be resubmitted in the continuing application unless the applicant desires the information to be printed on the patent." (MPEP §609(I)(A)(2)).

MPEP §2001.6(b) states:

"If the application under examination is identified as a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an earlier application, the examiner will consider the prior art cited in the earlier application. See MPEP §609. The examiner must indicate in the first Office action whether the prior art in a related earlier application has been reviewed. Accordingly, no separate citation of the same prior art need be made in the later application."

When filed, the present application was clearly identified as being a divisional of application Serial No. 09/622,002, now U.S. Patent 6,676,920.

A Notice of Allowance has been issued in the present application and, in reviewing the application prior to payment of the issue fee, Applicants find no indication, either in their paper file or in the electronic file wrapper at the USPTO on line PAIR site, that the prior art cited in the parent application has been considered as required by MPEP §609, nor any indication as part of the first Office action that the prior art in the parent application has been reviewed as required by MPEP §2001.6(b).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request confirmation that the Examiner has reviewed and considered the prior art cited in the parent application Serial No. 09/622,002, now U.S. Patent 6,676,920, in the examination of the present divisional

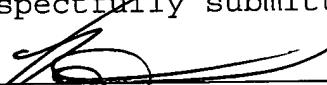
application, in accordance with MPEP §609 and MPEP §2001.6(b).

Alternatively, if the Examiner did not review and consider the prior art cited in the parent application, Applicants respectfully request that the present divisional application be restored to the Examiner for the specific purpose of considering the prior art cited in the parent application as required by MPEP §609 and MPEP §2001.6(b).

Inasmuch as the issue fee in the present application is currently due December 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that this matter be given priority and that it be handled on an expedited basis.

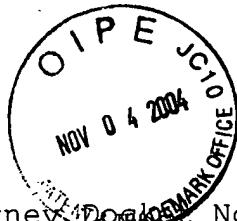
An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

Date: July 24, 2003

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Inventors: Shunji OISHI, et al.

Serial No. 09/622,002

Filed: August 11, 2000

Title: **MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE PARTICLES, PROCESS FOR
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THE PTO STAMP HEREON ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF:

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- (2) Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (4) Form SB/08A (2 pages);
- (5) Copies of all references listed on Form SB/08A.

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*The Information Disclosure Statement dated July 24, 2003 submitted to the office has enclosed the prior art on Form SB08A. The examiner has reviewed and considered the prior art statement and entered the prior art in the file of the instant application. On page 2 of the Disclosure Statement, applicants submit the statement that the claims as amended place the allowed claims outside the scope of the prior art and the examiner agrees with applicants' statement. The examiner has listed the prior art on PTO Form -892 and copy of the said Form-892 is enclosed. Thus the instant application is being returned to the Issue Department so that the instant application can passd to issue.

See Attachment:

[X] Information Disclosure Statement: PTO Form-892.

Margaret B. Medley
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 1714



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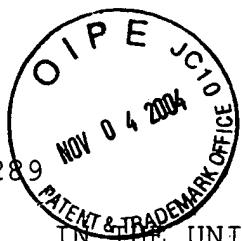
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Date: July 24, 2003

The Hon. Commissioner of
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with their obligation under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached form SB-08A.

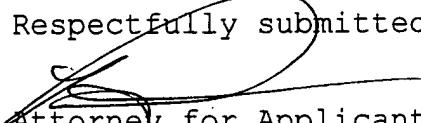
Applicants note that all of the documents listed are cited in the recently issued Supplementary Partial European Search Report in the corresponding European application and that this filing is being made solely in the interest of completing the record in the subject application.

A copy of the Supplementary Partial European Search Report is also included and provides reference to the relevant sections of the documents.

Applicants note that references EP 0 780 425 and U.S. 5,843,389 are of record in this application having been cited in the International Search Report. Applicants further note that the amendments to the claims of the subject application made February 24, 2003, and on which allowance of the subject application is based, place the allowed claims outside the scope of the references cited in the Supplemental partial European search Report.

Applicants are not aware at this time of any other prior art which could be considered to be relevant to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


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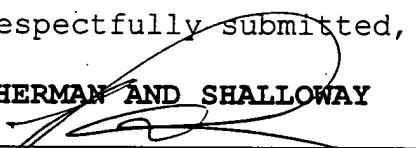
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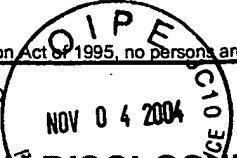
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